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B-52 STRIKE, 17 JULY 1965  
AN KHE AREA, SOUTH VIETNAM  
1357N 10829E

1. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT ROUTE 19, FROM QUI NHON TO PLEIKU, HAS BEEN CLOSED TO RVN FORCES SINCE EARLY JUNE WHEN THE VIET CONG BLEW OUT THREE BRIDGES. [ ] GOVERNMENT FORCES BEGAN A ROAD CLEARING OPERATION AND ON [ ] WERE ASSISTED BY B-52 STRIKES AGAINST SUSPECT VIET CONG POSITIONS. GOVERNMENT FORCES MOVED INTO THE AREA AFTER THE STRIKE AND FOUND DESERTED VC MORTAR POSITIONS. NO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE GUERRILLAS AND ON [ ] A HEAVILY ARMED CONVOY MOVED FROM QUI NHON TO PLEIKU WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. THE JCS DESIGNATED TARGET AREA OF THE 17 JULY B-52 STRIKE IS LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF ROUTE 19, APPROXIMATELY 12 NM WEST OF AN KHE, AND APPROXIMATELY 27 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF PLEIKU IN JUNGLE-COVERED TERRAIN. THE TARGET AREA IMPACT POINT, 13-56-40N 108-29-12E, EXTENDS ALONG A TRUE AZIMUTH OF 348 DEGREES FOR 20,600 FEET, WITH A WIDTH OF 3,330 FEET TO EITHER SIDE, FORMING A RECTANGULAR AREA 6,900 X 2,220 YARDS.

3. POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE [ ]  
[ ] REVEALS THREE-HUNDRED TO THREE-HUNDRED-FIFTY BOMB CRATERS IN THE TARGET AREA AND SEVENTY-FIVE TO ONE-HUNDRED BOMB CRATERS NORTH OF THE TARGET AREA. CLOUDS, CLOUD SHADOW, AND HAZE PRECLUDE A MORE DETAILED CRATER COUNT/DAMAGE ASSESSMENT. SUSPECT INSURGENT ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN

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THE TARGET AREA AND IMMEDIATE VICINITY INCLUDE TRAIL ACTIVITY, PROBABLE  
AW/AA EMBLACEMENTS, AND POSSIBLE TRENCHES.

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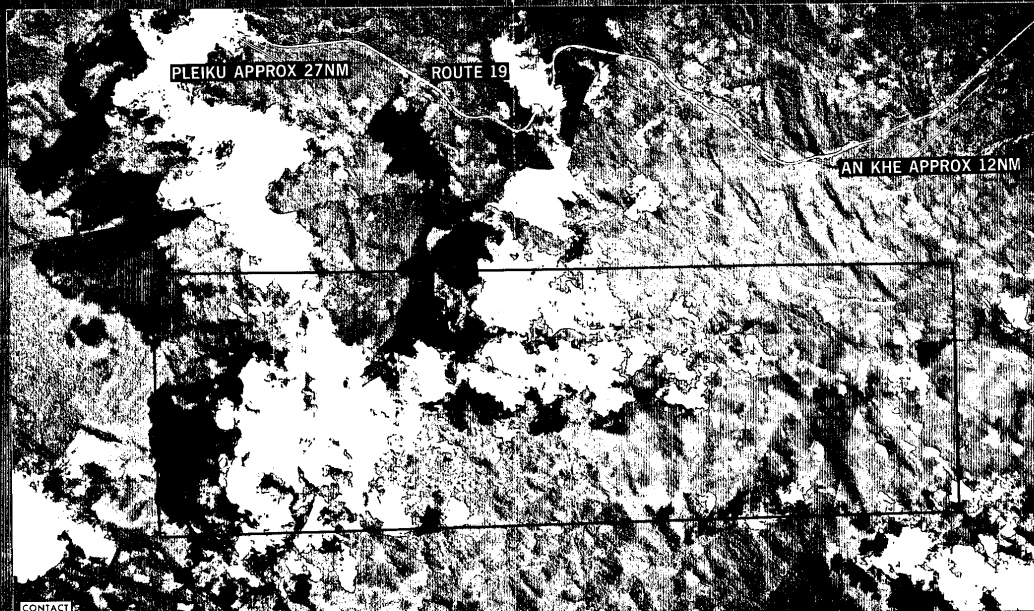
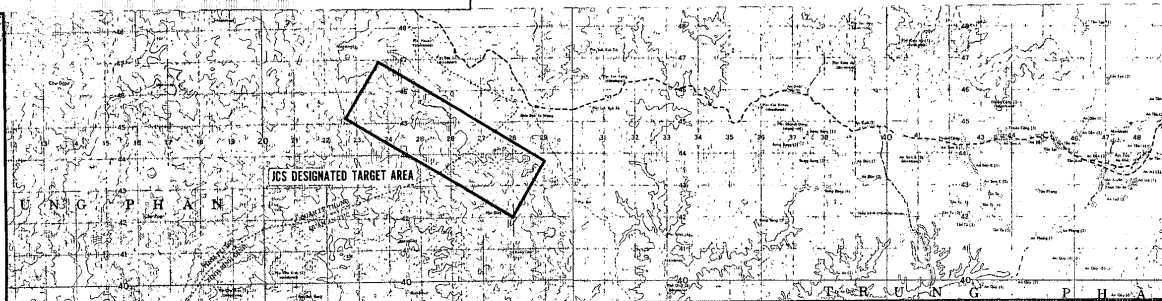
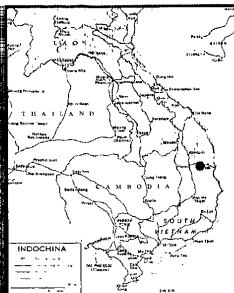
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300-350 CRATERS WITHIN DESIGNATED TARGET AREA  
75-100 CRATERS OUTSIDE TARGET AREA  
(CLOUDS, CLOUD SHADOW, AND HAZE LIMIT INTERPRETATION)

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